

# Faculty-Sponsored Summer Reading Book Groups



40,000 to One (Vol. 1)

Ben Petrick

Nonfiction

Sponsor:

Rains, James

Location

Writes ESPN's Steve Wulf: "Ben Petrick could've become the best catcher in baseball, and maybe one of the best in history, until young-onset Parkinson's robbed him of his physical abilities. But as 40,000 TO ONE shows, he lost one gift only to find another."



Ballistics: Poems

Billy Collins

Poetry

Sponsor:

Arnold

Location

It is safe to say that the legions of teens bored to tears by the likes of Eliot, Pound, and Auden in their English lit classes might form a more accepting view of poetry if they were first introduced to the genre by the work of Collins. This collection includes a poem titled "Oh, MY God!" which, in nine short lines, and with devilish wit, captures the essence of that all-too-popular exclamation in contemporary teen culture. And it is but one example of the many choice nuggets to be found here.



Behind the Beautiful  
Forevers

Katherine Boo

Nonfiction

Sponsor:

Hereford

Location

Katherine Boo spent three years among the residents of the Annawadi slum, a sprawling, cockeyed settlement of more than 300 tin-roof huts and shacks in the shadow of Mumbai's International Airport. From within this "sumpy plug of slum" Boo unearths stories both tragic and poignant--about residents' efforts to raise families, earn a living, or simply survive. These unforgettable characters all nurture far-fetched dreams of a better life. As one boy tells his brother: "Everything around us is roses. And we're like the s\*\*t in between."



Book Thief, The

Markus Zusak

Fiction

Sponsor:

Procter

Location

It's just a small story really, about among other things: a girl, some words, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist-fighter, and quite a lot of thievery. Set during World War II in Germany, this is the story of Liesel, a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.



Catching Fire (Hunger  
Games, Book 2)

Suzanne Collins



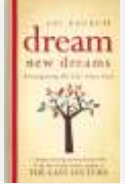


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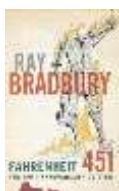
Sponsor:

Alvear

Location

Against all odds, Katniss Everdeen has won the annual Hunger Games with fellow district tribute Peeta Mellark. But it was a victory won by defiance of the Capitol and their harsh rules. Katniss and Peeta should be happy. After all, they have just won for themselves and their families a life of safety and plenty. But there are rumors of rebellion among the subjects, and Katniss and Peeta, to their horror, are the faces of that rebellion. The Capitol is angry. The Capitol wants revenge.

	<p>Code Name Verity</p> <p>Elizabeth Wein</p> <p>Fiction</p>	<p>Sponsor: Robin Location</p> <p>In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must to survive while keeping secret all that she can.</p>
	<p>Complete Stories of Truman Capote (2005)</p> <p>Truman Capote</p> <p>Fiction</p>	<p>Sponsor: Aldridge Location</p> <p>Capote is best know for pioneering the docu-novel with his book IN COLD BLOOD, the story of the Clutter family murders, and for his novella BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S, but his journalism and his short stories are far and away his best work. In this complete collection of his short stories, Capote reveals his skill at crafting tales that are by turns poignant, dark, funny, and surreal, but above all, unforgettable.</p>
	<p>Dream New Dreams</p> <p>Jai Pausch</p> <p>Nonfiction</p>	<p>Sponsor: Chisholm, P. Location</p> <p>A remarkably frank, deeply moving, and inspiring memoir by Jai Pausch, whose husband, Randy, wrote the bestseller THE LAST LECTURE while battling pancreatic cancer.</p>
	<p>Earn the Right to Win</p> <p>Tom Coughlin</p> <p>Nonfiction</p>	<p>Sponsor: Gendusa Location</p> <p>Preparation is easy to praise but very hard to master. No modern coach, in any sport, understands that better than NFL veteran Tom Coughlin. He led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl victories with his system of relentless preparation and old-school resilience. He teaches his players that you can never guarantee a win, but you can always earn the right to win—with focus, consistency, hard work, and anticipation of obstacles. And if you've earned the right to win, you can sleep soundly before a big game and take the field with confidence. Now Coughlin shares his best advice and anecdotes and shows how they apply beyond the gridiron.</p>
	<p>Empress [GRADES 11-12 ONLY]</p> <p>Shan Sa</p> <p>Fiction</p>	<p>Sponsor: Robinson Location</p> <p>Chosen to become one of the emperor's royal concubines, a young girl known as Heavenlight is thrust into the exotic world of the Forbidden City, where she must learn to navigate politics, court intrigue, and petty jealousies. One among 10,000 girls and women, she eventually distinguishes herself from the others by relying on her intelligence, wit, and fierce determination.</p>



Fahrenheit 451

Ray Bradbury

Fiction

Sponsor:

Wakeland

Location

Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, where television rules and literature is on the brink of extinction, firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce. But then he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn't live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television. When his wife attempts suicide and Clarisse suddenly disappears, Montag begins to question everything he has ever known.



Fault in Our Stars, The  
[GROUP 1]

John Green

Fiction

Sponsor:

Cipolaro

Location

At 16, Hazel Grace Lancaster, a 3-year stage IV--cancer survivor, is clinically depressed. To help her deal with this, her doctor sends her to a weekly support group where she meets Augustus, a fellow cancer survivor. The two are kindred spirits, sharing an irreverent sense of humor and immense charm, and watching them fall in love even as they face universal questions of the human condition--How will I be remembered? Does my life, and will my death, have meaning?--has a raw honesty that is deeply moving.



Fault in Our Stars, The  
[GROUP 2]

John Green

Fiction

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Hoppe, T.

Location

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Fer-de-Lance (Nero Wolfe  
Mysteries)

Rex Stout

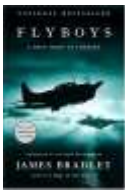
Fiction

Sponsor:

Douglas

Location

As any herpetologist will tell you, the fer-de-lance is among the most dreaded snakes known to man. When someone makes a present of one to Nero Wolfe, Archie Goodwin knows he's getting dreadfully close to solving the devilishly clever murders of an immigrant and a college president. As for Wolfe, he's playing snake charmer in a case with more twists than an anaconda -- whistling a seductive tune he hopes will catch a killer who's still got poison in his heart.



Flyboys

James Bradley

Nonfiction

Sponsor:

Peterson

Location

The true story of the American airmen who were shot down over Chichi Jima. Eight of these young men were captured by Japanese troops and taken prisoner. Another was rescued by an American submarine and went on to become president. The reality of what happened to the eight prisoners has remained a secret for almost 60 years. After the war, the American and Japanese governments conspired to cover up the shocking truth. Not even the families of the airmen were informed what had happened to their sons. It has remained a mystery--until now.



Girl in Translation

Jean Kwok

Fiction

Sponsor:

Hutton

Location

When Kimberly Chang and her mother emigrate from Hong Kong to Brooklyn squalor, she begins a secret double life: exceptional schoolgirl during the day, Chinatown sweatshop worker in the evenings. Disguising the more difficult truths of her life-like the staggering degree of her poverty, the weight of her family's future resting on her shoulders, or her secret love for a factory boy who shares none of her talent or ambition-Kimberly learns to constantly translate not just her language but also herself back and forth between the worlds she straddles.



Handmaid's Tale, The  
[GRADES 11-12 ONLY]

Margaret Atwood

Fiction

Sponsor:

Noel

Location

It is the world of the near future, and Offred is a Handmaid in the home of the Commander and his wife. She is allowed out once a day to the food market, she is not permitted to read, and she is hoping the Commander makes her pregnant, because she is only valued if her ovaries are viable. Offred can remember the years before, when she was an independent woman, had a job of her own, a husband and child. But all of that is gone now...everything has changed.



Harry Potter and  
Philosophy: If Aristotle  
Ran Hogwarts

David Baggett

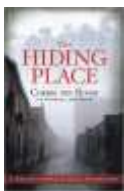
Nonfiction

Sponsor:

Smith

Location

Harry Potter has put a spell on millions of readers, and they all want to find out more about the deeper meaning of his adventures. In this book, seventeen experts in the field of philosophy unlock some of Hogwarts' secret panels, uncovering surprising insights that are enlightening both for wizards and for the most discerning muggles. Individual chapters look at such topics as life revealed in the Mirror of Erised; the ethics of magic; Moaning Myrtle, Nearly Headless Nick, and the relation of the mind to the brain; and the character of Hermione as a case of "sublimated feminism."



Hiding Place, The  
Corrie Ten Boom  
Nonfiction

Sponsor: Rains, Jackie Location

In World War II, Corrie Ten Boom and her family risked their lives to help Jews escape the Nazis by hiding them in their home in Haarlem, and their reward was a trip to Hitler's concentration camps. Corrie's father, sister, brother, and nephew died as a result of their imprisonment. But she survived and was released as a result of a clerical error and now shares the story of how faith triumphs over evil.



Hobbit, The  
J.R.R. Tolkien  
Fiction

Sponsor: Ford Location

Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. They have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will encounter both a magic ring and a frightening creature known as Gollum.



Hopeless  
Colleen Hoover  
Fiction

Sponsor: Parker, L. Location

Sky, a senior in high school, meets Dean, a guy with a promiscuous reputation that rivals her own. Something about him sparks memories of her deeply troubled past, a time she's tried so hard to bury. Though Sky is determined to stay far away from him, his unwavering pursuit and enigmatic smile break down her defenses and the intensity of the bond between them grows. But the mysterious Holder has been keeping secrets of his own, and once they are revealed, Sky is changed forever and her ability to trust may be a casualty of the truth.



How Huge the Night  
Heather Munn  
Fiction

Sponsor: Wamsley Location

Julien Losier just wants to fit in. But after his family moves to a small village in central France in hopes of outrunning the Nazis, he is suddenly faced with bigger challenges than the taunting of local teens. Nina Krenkel left her country to obey her father's dying command: Take your brother and leave Austria. Burn your papers. Tell no one you are Jews. Alone and on the run, she arrives in France, dangerously ill and in despair, and meets Julien. As France falls to the Nazis, Julien struggles with doing what is right, even if it is not enough--and wonders whether or not he really can save Nina from almost certain death. Based on the true story of the town of Le Chambon--the only French town honored by Israel for rescuing Jews from the Holocaust -- this book may inspire you to think more deeply about your everyday choices.



Jellicoe Road

Melina Marchetta

Fiction

Sponsor:

Hamilton

Location

At age eleven, Taylor Markham was abandoned by her mother. At fourteen, she ran away from boarding school, only to be tracked down and brought back by a mysterious stranger. Now seventeen, Taylor's the reluctant leader of her school's underground community, whose annual territory war with the Townies and visiting Cadets has just begun. This year, though, the Cadets are led by Jonah Griggs, and Taylor can't avoid his intense gaze for long. To make matters worse, Hannah, the one adult Taylor trusts, has disappeared. But if Taylor can piece together the clues Hannah left behind, the truth she uncovers might not just settle her past, but also change her future.



Kafka on the Shore

Haruki Murakami

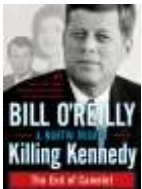
Fiction

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Cordell

Location

KAFKA ON THE SHORE is powered by two remarkable characters: a teenage boy, Kafka Tamura, who runs away from home either to escape a gruesome oedipal prophecy or to search for his long-missing mother and sister; and an aging simpleton called Nakata, who never recovered from a wartime affliction and now is drawn toward Kafka for reasons that, like the most basic activities of daily life, he cannot fathom. As their paths converge, and the reasons for that convergence become clear, Haruki Murakami enfolds readers in a world where cats talk, fish fall from the sky, and spirits slip out of their bodies to make love or commit murder.



Killing Kennedy

Bill O'Reilly

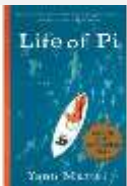
Nonfiction

Sponsor:

Teegarden

Location

Recounts in gripping detail the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and how a sequence of gunshots on a Dallas afternoon not only killed a beloved president but also sent the nation into the cataclysmic division of the Vietnam War and its culture-changing aftermath.



Life of Pi

Yann Martel

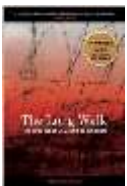
Fiction

Sponsor:

Jenkins

Location

Pi Patel, having spent an idyllic childhood in Pondicherry, India, as the son of a zookeeper, sets off with his family at the age of sixteen to start anew in Canada, but his life takes a marvelous turn when their ship sinks in the Pacific, leaving him adrift on a raft with a 450-pound Bengal tiger for company.



Long Walk, The: The True  
Story of a Trek to  
Freedom by Slavomir  
Rawicz

Slavomir Rawicz

Nonfiction

Sponsor:

Parker, M.

Location

Cavalry officer Slavomir Rawicz was captured by the Red Army in 1939 during the German-Soviet partition of Poland and was sent to the Siberian Gulag along with other captive Poles, Finns, Ukrainians, Czechs, Greeks, and even a few English, French, and American unfortunates who had been caught up in the fighting. A year later, he and six comrades from various countries escaped from a labor camp in Yakutsk and made their way, on foot, thousands of miles south to British India, where Rawicz reenlisted in the Polish army and fought against the Germans. The Long Walk recounts that adventure, which is surely one of the most curious treks in history.



	<p>Mind Gym : An Athlete's Guide to Inner Excellence</p> <p>Gary Mack</p> <p>Nonfiction</p>	<p>Sponsor: Hall Location</p> <p>Golfing great Bobby Jones said, "Competition is won or lost on the six-inch playing field between the ears." How do the best athletes gain an advantage on that playing field? In Mind Gym, noted sports psychology consultant Gary Mack teaches athletes the lessons he's learned about how the mind influences athletic performance as much as physical skill does, if not more so. Through forty accessible lessons and inspirational anecdotes from prominent athletes, Mack shares the same techniques and exercises he uses to help elite athletes build mental "muscle."</p>
	<p>Mud, Sweat, and Tears</p> <p>Bear Grylls</p> <p>Nonfiction</p>	<p>Sponsor: Vincent Location</p> <p>Known and admired by millions as the star of Man vs. Wild, Bear Grylls has survived where few would dare to go. Now, for the first time, Bear tells the story of his action-packed life. Gripping, moving, and wildly exhilarating, Mud, Sweat, and Tears is a must-read for adrenaline junkies and armchair explorers alike.</p>
	<p>My Beloved World</p> <p>Sonia Sotomayor</p> <p>Nonfiction</p>	<p>Sponsor: Garrett Location</p> <p>The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself.</p>
	<p>My Sister's Keeper</p> <p>Picoult</p> <p>Fiction</p>	<p>Sponsor: Annis Location</p> <p>Anna is not sick, but she might as well be. By age thirteen, she has undergone countless surgeries, transfusions, and shots so that her older sister, Kate, can somehow fight the leukemia that has plagued her since childhood. The product of preimplantation genetic diagnosis, Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match for Kate—a life and a role that she has never challenged...until now. Like most teenagers, Anna is beginning to question who she truly is. But unlike most teenagers, she has always been defined in terms of her sister—and so Anna makes a decision that for most would be unthinkable, a decision that will tear her family apart and have perhaps fatal consequences for the sister she loves.</p>



Name of the Star, The  
(Shades of London, Book  
1)

Maureen Johnson

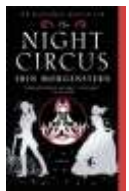
Fiction

Sponsor:

Crafton

Location

The day that Louisiana teenager Rory arrives in London to start a new life at boarding school is also the day a series of brutal murders breaks out over the city, killings mimicking the horrific Jack the Ripper spree of more than a century ago. Soon "Rippermania" takes hold of modern-day London, and the police are left with few leads and no witnesses. Except one. Rory spotted the man police believe to be the prime suspect. But she is the only one who saw him--the only one who can see him. And now Rory has become his next target. In this edge-of-your-seat thriller, full of suspense, humor, and romance, Rory will learn the truth about the secret ghost police of London and discover her own shocking abilities.



Night Circus, The

Erin Morgenstern

Fiction

Sponsor:

Philpot

Location

The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breathtaking amazements. It is called Le Cirque des Rêves, and it is only open at night. But behind the scenes, a fierce competition is underway: a duel between two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who have been trained since childhood expressly for this purpose by their mercurial instructors. Unbeknownst to them both, this is a game in which only one can be left standing.



Not a Good Day to Die

Sean Naylor

Nonfiction

Sponsor:

Vaughn

Location

Award-winning combat reporter Sean Naylor reveals how close American forces came to disaster in Afghanistan against Al Qaida—after easily defeating the ragtag Taliban that had sheltered the terrorist organization behind the 9/11 attacks. Eyewitness Naylor vividly portrays the heroism of the young, untested soldiers, the fanaticism of their ferocious enemy, the mistakes that led to a hellish mountaintop fire fight, and how thirteen American commandos embodied "Patton's three principles of war"—audacity, audacity, and audacity—by creeping unseen over frozen mountains into the heart of an enemy stronghold to prevent a U.S. military catastrophe.



Out of Reach

Carrie Arcos

Fiction

Sponsor:

McCormack

Location

Rachel has always idolized her older brother Micah. He struggles with addiction, but she tells herself that he's in control. And she almost believes it. Until the night that Micah doesn't come home. Rachel's terrified—and she can't help but feel responsible. She should have listened when Micah tried to confide in her. And she only feels more guilt when she receives an anonymous note telling her that Micah is nearby and in danger. With nothing more to go on than hope and a slim lead, Rachel and Micah's best friend, Tyler, begin the search. Along the way, Rachel will be forced to confront her own dark secrets, her growing attraction to Tyler...and the possibility that Micah may never come home.





Pact, The  
Jodi Picoult  
Fiction

Sponsor:

Woods

Location

Until the phone calls came at 3:00 a.m. on a November morning, the Golds and their neighbors, the Hartes, had been inseparable. It was no surprise to anyone when their teenage children, Chris and Emily, began showing signs that their relationship was moving beyond that of lifelong friends. But now seventeen-year-old Emily has been shot to death by her beloved and devoted Chris as part of an apparent suicide pact—leaving two devastated families stranded in the dark and dense predawn, desperate for answers about an unthinkable act and the children they never really knew.



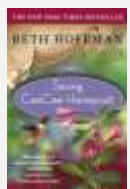
Pirate Cinema  
Cory Doctorow  
Fiction

Sponsor:

Shipley

Location

Trent, 16, makes films. The problem is that his films are composed of bits and pieces of other copyrighted material. He's a thief of intellectual property and in this near-future Great Britain, the consequences for this sort of action are severe. He leaves home for London after his online piracy has caused his entire family to lose their vital Internet connection for a year. He soon meets Jem, who shows him the ropes of being homeless, and in no time they are sharing a posh flop with Trent's new mates. Back online, he makes films that are a smash hit on the underground scene. Soon Cecil and his entire crew are in a political and artistic fight to dismantle legislation criminalizing their type of creativity.



Saving CeeCee Honeycutt  
Beth Hoffman  
Fiction

Sponsor:

Dorsey

Location

At age 12, CeeCee realizes her mother, flouncing around Willoughby, Ohio, in prom dresses and matching shoes, is crazy and the town's laughingstock. Her father is never home, and nothing is going to change so CeeCee buries herself in books as an escape. But her true liberation comes after her mother's tragic death when great-aunt Tootie sweeps CeeCee off to Savannah. There, a group of powerful, independent women offer the young girl love, laughter and a new chance at life.



Searchers, The  
Alan Le May  
Fiction

Sponsor:

Stackhouse

Location

The epic American Western classic from the author of The Unforgiven. Twice Mart Pauley had watched as the bloodthirsty Comanches destroyed everything he held dear. The first time he was a helpless child. But the second time, when they slaughtered his adopted family and took a young girl hostage, he was a man. A man who could seek revenge .



Speak  
Laurie Halse Anderson  
Fiction

Sponsor:

Naylor

Location

"Speak up for yourself--we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party.



## Swallowing Stones [GRADE 9 ONLY]

Joyce McDonald

Fiction

Sponsor:

McCullough

Location

It begins with a free and joyful act--but from then on, Michael finds it impossible even to remember what it felt like to be free and joyful. When he fires his new rifle into the air on his seventeenth birthday, he never imagines that the bullet will end up killing someone.



## Tender is the Night

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Fiction

Sponsor:

Collins

Location

Fitzgerald's classic depicts the Jazz Age and the beautiful people who congregate on the French Riviera between the wars. In this evocative setting, amid a glamorous and harsh world of film stars, aristocrats, and socialites, Fitzgerald recounts the infatuations of American expatriates Richard Diver, a psychiatrist, and his wife, Nicole, his former patient.



## Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, The

Rachel Joyce

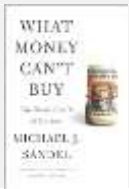
Fiction

Sponsor:

Risewick Zeno

Location

Harold Fry--retired sales rep, beleaguered husband, passive observer of his own life--decides one morning to walk 600 miles across England to save an old friend. It might not work, mind you, but that's hardly the point. Setting off on the long journey, he wears the wrong jacket, doesn't have a toothbrush, and leaves his phone at home--in short, he is wholly, endearingly unprepared. But as he travels, Harold finally has time to reflect on his failings as a husband, father, and friend, and this helps him become someone we (and, more important, his wife Maureen) can respect.



## What Money Can't Buy

Michael Sandel

Nonfiction

Sponsor:

Boberg

Location

Should we pay children to read books or to get good grades? Should we allow corporations to pay for the right to pollute the atmosphere? Is it ethical to pay people to test risky new drugs or to donate their organs? What about hiring mercenaries to fight our wars? Auctioning admission to elite universities? Selling citizenship to immigrants willing to pay? In WHAT MONEY CAN'T BUY, Sandel takes on one of the biggest ethical questions of our time: Is there something wrong with a world in which everything is for sale?



## Where Are You Now?

Mary Higgins Clark

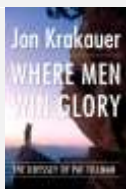
Fiction

Sponsor:

Jennings

Location

Every Mother's Day over the 10 years since Charles Mack MacKenzie Jr. disappeared from Columbia University just before his graduation, Mack has phoned his mother in Manhattan to let her know he's all right, but otherwise reveals nothing. In the meantime, Mack's lawyer father has perished in the 9/11 tragedy. Now Mack's younger sister, Carolyn, a graduate of Columbia and Duke Law School, where Mack was intending to go, tells him during his annual call that she's going to find him. When a note from Mack turns up in the collection plate at St. Francis church, asking Father Devon MacKenzie, his uncle, to tell Carolyn not to look for him, she becomes even more determined to do so.



Where Men Win Glory

Jon Krakauer

Nonfiction

Sponsor:

Davis

Location

Pat Tillman was well-known to American sports fans: a chisel-jawed and talented young professional football star, he was on the brink of signing a million dollar contract when, in 2001, al-Qaeda launched terrorist attacks against his country. Driven by deeply felt moral patriotism, he walked away from fame and money to enlist in the United States Special Operations Forces. A year later he was killed - apparently in the line of fire - on a desolate hillside near the Pakistan border in Afghanistan. News of Tillman's death shocked America. But even as the public mourned his loss, the US Army aggressively maneuvered to conceal the truth.



Where'd You Go,  
Bernadette

Maria Semple

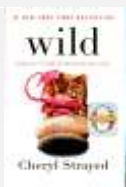
Fiction

Sponsor:

Wallace

Location

Bernadette Fox is notorious. To her Microsoft-guru husband, she's a fearlessly opinionated partner; to fellow private-school mothers in Seattle, she's a disgrace; to design mavens, she's a revolutionary architect, and to 15-year-old Bee, she is a best friend and, simply, Mom. Then Bernadette disappears. To find her mother, Bee compiles email messages, official documents, secret correspondence--creating a compulsively readable and touching novel about misplaced genius and a mother and daughter's role in an absurd world.



Wild [GRADES 11-12  
ONLY]

Cheryl Strayed

Nonfiction

Sponsor:

Massey

Location

At twenty-two, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything. In the wake of her mother's death, her family scattered and her own marriage was soon destroyed. Four years later, with nothing more to lose, she made the most impulsive decision of her life. With no experience or training, driven only by blind will, she would hike more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert through California and Oregon to Washington State—and she would do it alone. Told with suspense and style, sparkling with warmth and humor, Wild powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds on a journey that maddened, strengthened, and ultimately healed her.



Wind in the Willows, The  
(ISBN 014132113X)

Kenneth Grahame

Fiction

Sponsor:

Bloch

Location

The escapades of four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside--Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger. This is one of the great classics of children's literature in danger of falling into obscurity. If you have never read this book or had it read to you as a child, it is highly recommended that you do even if you don't sign up for this session. This is a wonderfully imaginative and well told tale that needs to be passed on to future generations.



Wintergirls

Laurie Halse Anderson

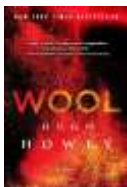
Fiction

Sponsor:

Zawalnicki

Location

Lia and Cassie are best friends, wintergirls frozen in fragile bodies, competitors in a deadly contest to see who can be the thinnest. But then Cassie suffers the ultimate loss-her life-and Lia is left behind, haunted by her friend's memory and racked with guilt for not being able to help save her. In her most powerfully moving novel since SPEAK, award-winning author Laurie Halse Anderson explores Lia's struggle, her painful path to recovery, and her desperate attempts to hold on to the most important thing of all: hope.



Wool (Wool Omnibus Ed.;  
Wool 1-5)

Hugh Howey

Fiction

Sponsor:

Dickey

Location

In a ruined and toxic landscape, a community exists in a giant silo underground, hundreds of stories deep. There, men and women live in a society full of regulations they believe are meant to protect them. Sheriff Holston, who has unwaveringly upheld the silo's rules for years, unexpectedly breaks the greatest taboo of all: He asks to go outside. His fateful decision unleashes a drastic series of events. NOTE: Students should purchase the Omnibus edition which contains the first five short stories of the Silo saga compiled into one book.